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Measuring the Growth ...of the... Socialist Movement.

On Friday, April 26, 3,253 names were added to the Appeal's subscription list. This was pretty good work for one day, but the workers were not satisfied to let it go at that.

It will be a great day for Socialism when the Appeal has a circulation of 500,000. The figures look big, but it can be done.

The Socialist movement was never in a better condition than at the present time; great combinations of capital are being formed almost every day.

The time is ripe for Socialism. Now is the time to get out and hustle for the cause. A million readers of the Appeal will mean that Socialism is here.

The Appeal has been made the greatest propaganda machine in the world by its army of 10,000 self-constituted workers. They work in season and out of season, without pay or hope of reward.

The next election to be held in the state of Massachusetts, where the Socialists have elected mayors and members of the legislature, will occur on November 5, 1901.

RULES.

Each guess must be accompanied by five yearly subscriptions to the Appeal. You are entitled to one guess for each club of five.

They may be sent in at any time during the life of this contest, which opens at 6 a. m. on May 15, 1901, and closes at 6 p. m. on November 1, 1901.

In case of a tie the guess which reached this office on the earlier date will be awarded the premium.

Those who secure one of the library premiums may do their own selecting of the books from our regular book catalogue, at the prices shown therein.

The fact that you may be contesting for some other premium does not bar you from this contest. You are entitled to one guess for each club of five just the same.

A full description of Ruskin College and a few facts showing what the scholarships will mean to the young man who secures one of them, will be given in the next issue.

The greater the combines in capital the weaker they will become in their only vulnerable point. Labor, dumb as it is, feels that it must organize against its employer to protect itself.

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for organized labor, so that when any part is struck it would bring to its support the entire organized labor of the nation. The trusts are bringing about conditions that will force this action on the world of workers.

A FINAL WORD.

There are 119,000 doctors and physicians in the United States. The Appeal Army has raised a sum sufficient to send a copy of the Appeal's "Doctor's Edition" to nearly one-half that number.

In my absence the office gang put a price on this edition of one cent a copy where mailed separately, and 50 cents a hundred in bundles, because they did not want to take the responsibility of a raise at cost.

The time is short, and the harvest is ready for the reapers, so let the Appeal have your dollar on the Special Edition before June 8th.

The state of Georgia fifty years ago built and still owns the Western & Atlantic railroad from Atlanta to the Tennessee line. There was more in it for the legislators to "lease" it to a corporation, which was done, and the state has been receiving \$420,012 a year from the road which has been going into the state treasury.

There has been some rotten work going on in Kansas City about jury bribing in connection with the street car cases and franchise grabbing. The grand jury is investigating the matter, but the managers of the street car company refuses to answer questions or produce books showing where it used money for bribery.

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Some people think there would be no incentive for any effort to improve if there were no money advantage in it. Why then do men spend hundreds of thousands to develop the best points in yachts for silver cups not worth anything in money to them?

I noticed the other day that five combines with capitalization of nearly \$300,000,000 were organized. In those lines small capitalists can no longer enter. They will close out many small factories when they get into working order.

The crusade against Prof. Herron being made by the capitalistic press is not on account of his domestic affairs, but because of his political opinions. His wife has made this statement also. A thousand men prominent in the old parties have committed domestic acts similar, but they are not held up and denounced as is Prof. Herron.

Toledo, Ohio, May 8.—Ex-Governor Charles Foster appeared personally in the United States court this morning and filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy.

Foster is great. He is the great mogul who was selected to preside over the national finances because of his great knowledge about such things! When some fellow who has given study to the principles underlying finances and they do not harmonize with the prevailing practices, he is made fun of because he has not accumulated millions, and the finger of scorn is pointed at him because he is poor.

The papers state that J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased all the great steamship lines that ply the Atlantic, and will control all ocean transportation. This is not exactly true. He has simply formed a trust, and all the shipholders have surrendered their stocks in the various companies and taken stock in the one greater corporation.

than heretofore, that is all. But the American is afraid of his government, and would prefer to trust himself to alien nobility to tax his produce. The people in this country have no confidence in government.

During the past twelve months the Standard Oil Co. has declared \$60,000,000 in dividends—in other words, the people have paid that much more for oil than they would had the public owned and operated the oil business.

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This government has collected nearly a million dollars of the Puerto Ricans the last year in the way of import duties—to protect them against the pauper labor of other nations, evidently!

If you deposit money with bankers and the bankers loan the money to trades people, and the trades people count the interest as a part of the expense of doing business and add profit to cover their expenses, and you buy goods of the trades people, do you not pay the interest on your own money? If not, who does?

Why do you not elect men to office whom you can trust to operate some productive industry? Have you no faith in either man or government? If not, governments had better be abolished.

Socialism means social harmony—and perfect social harmony means the millennium. There are many who pray for the Millennium, for "on earth as it is in heaven"—who do all they can to prevent its being realized.

Several weeks ago the Appeal asked for the names of all the railroad and telegraph boys who were friends of the Appeal. Quite a number have responded, but more names are wanted before the proposition referred to in my previous notice will be made.

When the people voted subsidies to build railroads, the sum they gave was counted as capital invested, and they have been paying an interest on the money they gave! And they will always have to pay an interest on it until the public owns and operates the roads.

You must be a pessimist indeed if you feel that present conditions must go on forever and there is no help for them. I am an optimist, and believe that the people are going to own everything, and that private trusts will not be tolerated.

International trusts mean international labor—one step nearer the brotherhood of man, by obliterating the lines of political subdivisions of the earth for the exploitations of kings and capitalists.

Never let an opportunity pass to cover a meeting—no matter what kind—with literature. Bear in mind this is the seed time.

Canadian Socialists are laying plans to place a permanent organizer in the field to build it up.

THE APPEAL PREMIUMS.

For the first three weeks in May, 1901, the Appeal will give to workers EACH WEEK the following premiums:

To the one sending the largest number of yearly subscriptions:— A Warranty deed to one of the Ten-Acre Farms. For the second largest list of yearly subscribers \$10.00 For the third largest list of yearly subscribers 5.00

The first week on this contest closed May 11. The paper goes to press too early to give names of winners until next week.

There are only two more of these ten-acre tracts. "You will have to hurry," if you get one. The second week ends May 18. The third week ends May 25.

COMING! Don't You Hear the Rumbling of the Multitude?

New Decatur, Ala., May 8.—At the city election held here yesterday Jas. E. Morrow, Socialist candidate for city clerk, received 688 votes; republican candidate, 162; democrat, 151. Socialist plurality, 526; Socialist majority, 375.

L. W. Allen, Socialist candidate for alderman in the Third ward, was elected over the democratic candidate by six votes. The Socialist vote at this point last fall was 126, showing a gain of over 500%.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., at the election last Tuesday, Comrade Martin H. Wefel, candidate for mayor, received 710 votes, as against 184 last fall.

RULED BY GAMBLERS.

The dispatches tell us that Senator Cockerel, of Missouri, was ruined in the recent Wall street crash. There were many other senators and congressmen ruined or made richer. Ex-President Cleveland is said to have made a million in the game.

Now if the railroads of the country were owned and operated on the same principle as the postal system, do you not see that it would at once stop the gambling and corruption that flows from the private operation of the railroads, that almost brought panic and ruin on the nation?

If all the industries were so owned and operated, there would be no opportunity for gambling and squeezing and frantic madness, of howling, desperate gamblers, who ought to be giving all their attention to the public business for which they are paid. You can never have good service from the men you elect to office so long as they are surrounded by conditions such as you have seen in this panic.

Three groups of capitalists squeezed some hundreds of millions out of the other players in the gambling games of Wall street last week, and came near producing a panic affecting the whole country. Having the players in their power they exacted \$1,000 a share for stock worth less than \$100—but then they are honorable gentlemen and the cream of respectability of the nation!

The president riding in triumphal tour over the country, telling how great and glorious are our institutions, while the nation is on the verge of a financial panic, fortunes vanishing like mists, law-makers gambling in stocks and bonds and laws! That such is true, is evidenced by the statement in the press that the president telephoned from Los Angeles to a friend in Chicago asking about the situation in Wall street, where his friends and advisers were shearing their victims, to see if the protest and cries of the victims were becoming too loud for safety.

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To be president of the United States used to be the laudable ambition of all boys. However, the presidency of the country is an insignificant position compared to the presidency of the steel trust. That is the place for which you should fit your boy.

Two years ago the Appeal stated that China would be divided up among the warlike nations of the earth. The game is being played.

The One-Hoss is back at his desk after a month's vacation.

ECHOES Along the Way.

"If a telegraphic communication can be sent by the government for five cents, then a private corporation must not be permitted to charge and collect twenty-five cents for that service."—Congressman Dick, Chairman Ohio State Republican Committee.

of the jobber or wholesale distributor until, with large capital invested, he is permitted to barely make 4% upon his investment. The trust treats the jobber as though he were a lackey, and he must take orders from the organization or go out of business.

The last wailing cry of the disappearing independent tobacco manufacturers comes from Louisville. The "Independent" factory at Louisville in a circular to the "trade" calls attention to the "epidemic of trusts raging in the land," and points out that unless something is done the trust "will destroy the liberties of the people."

The Appeal has stated, basing its information on the testimony of witnesses before the industrial commission at Washington, that refined petroleum can be produced and shipped to any point in the United States at a cost of two cents per gallon.

How kind it is of the corn speculators, after the farmer has sold his corn crop, to raise the price to sixty cents per bushel. Next fall when the farmer has a large crop and has to sell, the price will materially decrease.

The Chicago School of Political Economy is doing some splendid work in the interest of Socialism. The correspondence course is especially adapted to the student who has neither the means nor time to attend a school in person.

A smooth guy worked 150 idle workmen in Chicago out of \$10 each on the strength of securing for them jobs with a railroad construction gang.

A Hummer. A humming bird trust, capitalized at \$3,000,000 has just been incorporated in Indiana, and incorporation papers from the secretary of state applied for.

A wholesale dealer in San Francisco who made a fortune from his profits in the business, unbosomed himself to a friend the other day, and the friend told a daily newspaper reporter, and the reporter put it in the Daily Bulletin.

Signs of Breaking Up.

The following editorial from the Boston Daily Herald is a straw which indicates the trend of thought today. The daily newspaper, in a measure, reflects the sentiment of its readers, if it claims to be at all independent of partisan influence.

"No more significant indication of the drift of opinion has lately appeared than an article in the Manchester Guardian, the most able and influential paper in England, with the exception of one or two in London, looking to the practical union of the Liberal party with the Socialists."

"Liberals were not prepared to accept the principle of the nationalism of the means of production without, to begin with, understanding how it was to be done. But as the Socialist ideal is brought closer and closer into contact with actual life, there is a stirring in the dry bones of abstract theory."

"This broad and candid acknowledgment of misunderstanding of the Socialist movement comes just after a national conference at Leicester of the Independent Labor party, the name which the organized Socialists of Great Britain have adopted as their designation in politics."

"And, to the Guardian, the conditions at the present time seem adapted to compel the development of a new party, comprising those who do not believe in the observed tendencies of political and industrial organizations. They will be forced to cooperate in defense of right and justice."

The Pocket-book vs. the Child.

A bill is pending before the New York legislature, says a New York paper, which will knock out the tenement house owner, who speculates on the lives of little children.

"The children die for lack of sunshine and light and air? Possibly. But sunshine and light cost money. Are we to pay for those things?"

"Remember our vested interests, governor. Don't destroy our profits. You are a business man. Think of us. Don't be a sentimentalist. Remember we employ skilled labor, and if you hurt us you hurt the laboring man. You lose votes," etc.

One Day's Record. The Denver Republican, which believes we are living under the best possible system extant, contained the following headings to articles depicting life as she is:

Sides Communicated With Their SUPERIORS at Salt Lake.

"McGuire Paid One Dollar a Vote—Specific Charges of Fraud in the Second Ward." While the array of murders, hangings and other crimes make up a conglomeration of effects of the competitive system which should bring a blush of shame to the face of even a Hottentot.



Mr. Morgan's New Easter Bonnet.—Minneapolis Journal.

Making Its Influence Felt.

Etouah, Okla., Feb. 12.—Will the editor or somereader of the Globe-Democrat please give, through its columns a good antidote for the brain affection generally known as Socialism?

It seems to be raging in this part in a very virulent form, and unless quanted in some way, an epidemic is feared. Of course the present sufferers are mostly rejected, back-number politicians. However, they have succeeded in committing to memory a great many of the theories and long-drawn conclusions of their leaders, especially from Wayland, of Girard, Kan., through his paper, the Appeal to Reason, which is getting a considerable circulation, and its Socialistic teachings or theories are in every crank's mouth.

Let 'em alone and they'll come home, and leave their cranks behind them.—The Editor.

A College President's View.

The rapid increase in the number of trusts is amazing. The statement is made that they have more than doubled in the last three years. Could the actual significance of all the trusts be grasped, America would awaken to the fact that she is as literally in the hands of a tyrannical ruler as Europe ever was during the Dark Ages.

American history began with Protestantism and democracy. Its educational system fostered these heaven-born principles, but they are rapidly disappearing. And what is more significant than anything else, is the tendency to develop a trust system in education. God's plan in dealing with humanity has been, from eternity, to scatter broadcast, blessings full and free to all.

As the department stores of the city crush out the smaller dealers, so the universities, by enlarging their borders, are swallowing up the smaller institutions. So much for this being done that a little extra effort on the part of a few prominent educators will make the education of the United States as truly a great monopoly as can be found anywhere in the commercial world.

One of the latest steps toward the enlargement of a city institution is the proposition to link Chicago Institute—the school of Pedagogy, under the management of Colonel Parker—with Chicago University. While we have nothing to say against this union, yet it must be considered as another indication of the general trend toward imperialism. And when it is remembered that Chicago University boasts of its science teaching, which develops doubt and skepticism, one cannot but regret that it should gain control of one of our most important schools for the training of teachers.—E. A. Sutherland, President of Battle Creek College, in Editorial department of the Advocate.

Life's Gift.

I saw a woman sleeping. In her sleep she dreamed Life stood before her, and held in each hand a gift—in the one love, in the other freedom. And she said to the woman, "Choose."

Special Offer on Wayland's Monthly.

Wayland's Monthly is proving of exceptional value in the propaganda field. Each month it contains from 16 pages to 40 pages of the best literature for work among the masses who still believe in competition, it is possible to compile. But its sphere of influence should be further extended, and in order to do this I will make the following proposition to the readers of the Appeal:

AMERICAN NOTES

A \$1,500,000 pulverized fuel trust has been incorporated. A trust to control the shovel and spade business of the country is in process of formation. To add to the troubles of the young man, a straw hat trust is to commence operations in the very near future.

The Standard Oil Co. is engineering a \$300,000,000 lighting trust, which will include all the gas and electric plants in New York city.

Formal announcement was made last night, says a dispatch from New York, that the ship builders' combine, with a capital stock of \$65,000,000, is ready for business.

A \$200,000,000 soft coal trust is being organized by Comrade Morgan, which will include the two soft coal trusts now in existence, and many independent companies.

A Nashville daily paper reports that eleven carloads of bananas were dumped into the river at that point, and ruthlessly destroyed. This was done to create a scarcity in the supply, no doubt, and raise the price. This is a funny world.

At Alameda, Cal., the Socialists polled 140 votes. All parties were out on a public ownership platform, which simply indicates that the old parties are trimming sails in order to catch the breeze. It's most too late to do them any good, however.

The Cincinnati Gas & Light Co. is the style of a new light combine that will do business at the expense of the people of that city. The first thing in order was the increase of the capital stock from \$9,000,000 to \$28,000,000. This in itself, represents a fair year's business.

Professors Lapsley and Warren of the Leelanoo Standford University, have resigned their positions, says a dispatch from that point, as a result of the dismissal of Professor Ross. The disaffection among the well educated men is assuming alarming proportions from the standpoint of the men who would keep the people in ignorance.

By putting up \$2,000,000 Senator Clark, so says a dispatch from New York, has secured the passage through the house and senate at Albany, a bill granting him a franchise to build a viaduct along West street. The franchise is worth \$100,000,000. This is a pretty good investment for the senator, and shows the power of money when rightly directed.

"The cotton mill will soon be running on short time on account of the overstocked market," says the Evansville, Ind., Courier. Thus the Indiana factory hand can sympathize with his New England brother, who got what he voted for some weeks ago. And it's all due to having too much wealth on hand—too many clothes—too much food. Funny world, this.

Edward Trense, a newspaper writer, a man of intellectual attainments, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, well dressed, fine looking and of powerful build, committed suicide in Cincinnati recently, because he could find no employment. Mr. Trense wrote columns of stuff about the case with which a man who had ability and desire to work, could find employment. During his last days, says the Enquirer, the man haunted the newspaper offices in search of work. And I wonder what had become of all the jobs? Possibly went where the profits of the little capitalists who backed the Wall street game last week. Yes, this is a glorious system—can't be beat.

A metropolitan paper recently contained an account of the "reformed" ship Vigilant. This vessel was in the early fifties a slaver, and is the oldest sailing vessel on the waters today. It was captured by the United States government and its back broke. It was afterwards rebuilt, and is now engaged in the laudable work of transporting the mails from St. Croix to St. Thomas, in the West Indies. In the not distant future our children may read of a similar transformation in the great slave establishments of this country, where men and women spend their lives in a worse slavery than that of the African negro, that private profits may be made. These establishments some day will be utilized for the real benefit of all the people.

The Trust at Work. A dispatch from New York says: J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and the Vanderbilts who control the anthracite coal trust have decided to add \$75,000,000 a year to their profits. One-third of this sum they gain through economic methods, made possible by combination, and they will reap \$50,000,000 from consumers by raising the price of coal \$1 a ton.

Economies of management effected by the tin can trust have cheapened production to such an extent that the organization is able to advance prices 25%.—Detroit News.



